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THE COURT BALLAD.

By Mr. POPE

To the Tune of, *To all you Ladies now at Land, &c.*

I.

TO One Fair Lady out of Court,
And Two Fair Ladies in,
Who think the TURK * and POPE † a Sport,
And Wit and Love no Sin,
Come these soft Lines with nothing Stiff in,
To B—ll—ne, Le.—p—lle, and G—ff—n. *Balladine, Lipd, Griffin*
With a fa, la, la.

* The Little
Turk.

† The Au-
thor.

II.

What passes in the Dark Third Row,
And what behind the Scene,
Coaches and cripled Chairs I know,
And Garrets hung with Green;
I know the swing of sinful Hack,
Where many Damsels cry alack.
With a fa, la, la.

III.

Then why to Court shou'd I Repair,
Where's such ado with T—d. *Townshend*
To hear each Mortal Stamp and Swear
And ev'ry Speech with Zouns end,
To hear 'em Rail at honest S—d. *Sunderland*
And rashly Blame the Realm of Blunderland *
With a fa, la, la.

* Ireland.

IV.

Alas like S—z, I cannot Pun, *Baron Schute*
Like C—t—n Court the Germans, *Ld Carleton*
Tell P—k—n—g how Slim she's grown,
Like M—d—ws Run to Sermons, *Miss Meadows*
To Court, Ambitious Men may Roam,
But I and Marlbro' stay at Home.
With a fa, la, la.

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In truth by what I can discern,
Of Courtiers 'twixt you Three,
Some Wit you have and more may Learn,
From Court than Gay or Me,
Perhaps in time you'll leave High-Diet,
To Sup with Us on Mirth and Quiet,

With a fa, la, la.

VI.

At Leiceſter-Fields a Houſe full high,
With Door all Painted Green,
Where Ribbons Wave upon the Tye,
(A Milliner I mean)
There may you Meet Us Three to Three,
For Gay can well make Two of Me.

With a fa, la, la.

VII.

But ſhou'd you catch the Prudiſh Itch,
And each become a Coward,
Bring ſometimes with you Miſtreſs R-*h*,
And ſometimes Miſtreſs H-*h*,
For Virgins to keep Chaſte muſt go
Abroad with ſuch as are not ſo.

With a fa, la, la.

VIII.

And thus Fair Maids my Ballad ends,
God ſend the King Safe Landing,
And make all Honelt Ladies Friends,
To Armies that are Standing,
Preſerve the Limits of theſe Nations,
And take off Ladies Limitations.

With a fa, la, la.

F I N I S.

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